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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the subject Patent Application as follows to place this  
Patent Application in better condition for examination:

In the claims, substitute the following Claims 1-23 (Amended) in place  
of the original Claims 1-23 from the published PCT International Application:

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1. (Amended) In a two-part hinge closure (3) having a lower part  
(1) which can be placed on a container and having a circumferential first casing wall  
(10), and a cap (2) which can be connected with the lower part (1) by a movable hinge  
and has a second casing wall (20), wherein the lower part (1) and the cap (2) are made  
separately of each other and can be assembled together, wherein in an assembled,